

Out of the Dark: *Into the Garden of Hope*

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Dr. Keo is an honored licensed Clinical Psychologist working for the county of Los Angeles, and his story is one of the triumph over adversity – but not without a cost.

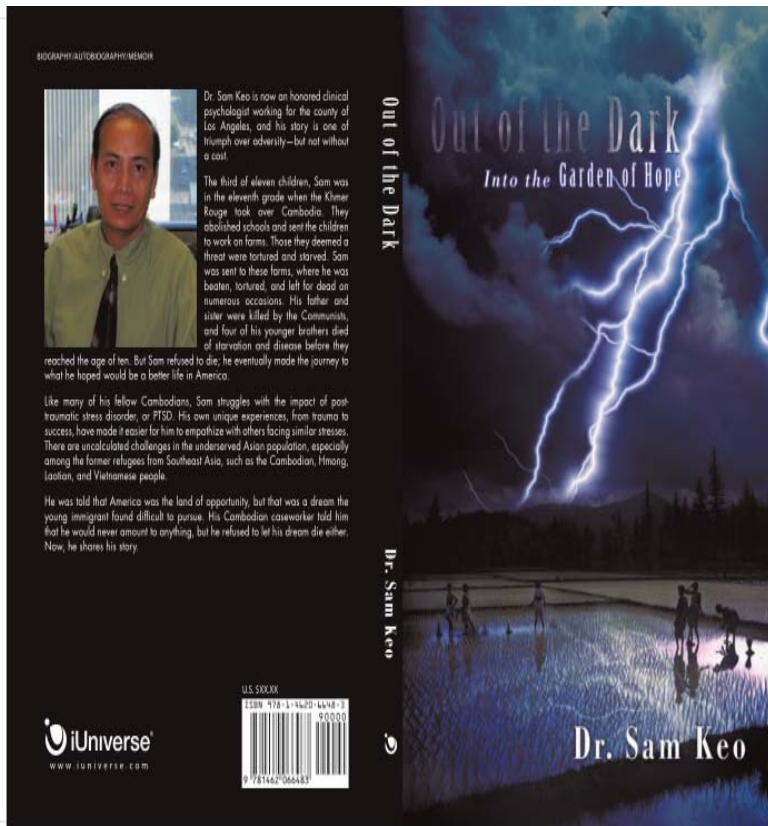
The third of eleven children, Sam was in the eleventh grade when the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia. They abolished schools and sent the children to work on farms. Those they deemed a threat were tortured and starved. Sam was sent to these farms, where he was beaten, tortured, and left for dead on numerous occasions. But Sam refused to die; he eventually made a journey to what he hoped would be a better life in America. He was told that America was

the land of opportunity, but that was a dream that the young refugee found difficulty to pursue.

His caseworker told him that he would not amount to anything but a slave to Americans. He refused to let his dream die.

Like many of his fellow Cambodians, Sam struggles with the *impact of post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD*. His own unique experiences, from trauma to success, have made it easier for him to empathize with others facing similar stresses.

Now he shares his story.



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